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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment for 16-24 lb. toms and 8-16 lb. hens was mixed and ranged from steady to barely steady. No trading reported as most traders took advantage of the long holiday weekend. Demand and trading light for bulk parts and meats.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading Slow. Limited trading reported on tom v-type wings going to Asia. Inquiry noted on drums, frozen thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey going to Mexico.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 26, 1999**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	76-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF NOV. 26, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	78.00 **	78.05	73.00
CENTRAL REGION	78.00	77.94	72.61
WESTERN REGION	79.00	79.07	72.50 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	73.50 **	73.56	76.85
CENTRAL REGION	73.50 **	71.93	77.00
WESTERN REGION	74.00	74.90	76.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	103-104
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	103-104
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	80-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	80-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	80-82

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	88-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	87-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	88-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-104

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 29-NOV-99

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)
	HENS LBS	TOMS LBS
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	83.00 80	78.00 10
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	83.00 80	78.00 10
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 13-Nov-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER-	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG	ROASTERS	BANDED		AVG
	HEAD	% CHG	WT	---THOUSAND HEAD---			WT
N EAST	1,361	42	21.40	NONE	NONE	1,361	21.40
S ATL	826	-55	27.19	(A)	(A)	830	27.17
N CENT	2,164	-9	29.08	NONE	NONE	2,164	29.08
S CENT	791	-14	19.14	NONE	NONE	791	19.14
WEST	736	177	22.03	NONE	NONE	736	22.03
U.S.TOTAL	5,878(B)	22	24.82	0	4	5,882	24.81

TO DATE

1999 220,669(B) 55 1,619 222,343

TO DATE

1998 229,150(B) 72 1,718 230,940

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 8,000 for the year 682,000; last year to date 1,008,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 13-Nov-99

	FRYER-	YOUNG	OLD	
	ROASTERS	TURKEYS	BANDED	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	0	5,878	4	5,882
AVGWT	0.00	24.82	23.00	24.81
LAST WEEK	0	6,355	15	6,370
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	5,200	25	5,225
AVGWT	0.00	25.02(A)	25.10	25.02
TO-DATE/1999	55	220,669(A)	1,619	222,343
TO-DATE/1998	72	229,150(A)	1,718	230,940

(A) Includes 682,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 1,008,000 in 1998.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 13-Nov-99

FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 736 HD, 16,215 LBS,
TO DATE 15,993 HD, 385,508 LBS; OLD 0 HD, TO DATE 244 HD;
TOTAL 736 HD, TO DATE 16,237 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

OCTOBER	427,971 *
NOVEMBER 1-13, 1999	238,421 *
To date 1999	4,531,360 *
To date 1998	4,577,218 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 26 NOVEMBER 1999.

Market activity was limited as many in the industry enjoyed a long holiday weekend. Trading centered on mixed loads of parts and meat. Trucking availability was expected to improve next week and some previously sold product will finally be shipped. Export trading was active on tom v-type wings, light on mechanically separated turkey.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00		30.00	11	28.79	91
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		M	30.00	40	30.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	30.00		30.00	13	29.57	23
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.00-28.00		27.53	13	27.53	13
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	18.00-19.00		18.74	17	17.86	127
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	140.00		140.00	20	139.83	581
THIGH MEAT		M	62.33	150	62.33	150
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	66.00	61	65.75	81
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	108.00	20	106.83	72
SCAPULA MEAT		W	65.00	20	63.50	80
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	128.00		128.00	20	128.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	50.75	80	50.75	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	40	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00		18.00	80	17.84	320
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	28.50	200	28.50	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00-26.00		25.50	832	25.50	832
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	40	20.00	400
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	63.00	59		

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.